Greening the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). The Analysis of Development

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Environmental policy is now a pilot olicy of the European Union (EU). ection 11 of the Treaty of the Funconing of the European Union (TFEU), onfirms that environmental protection equirements must be integrated into he definition and implementation of he Union policies and activities, in particular with a view to promote susainable development. This ability is of dual nature. On one hand, this is one of shared competences of the European Union (Article 4 of the TFEU), as CAP or the energy policy; the definition is broad and imprecise, which ensures the legislator can extend his competence, at will. On the other hand, it is a transferable skill. In other words, any implemented policy must take into account the environmental factor.

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Member States are required to integrate the environment and not just to consider it. Therefore, the objective of this paper is to highlight the interactions between the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and the environmental policy. Since the first regulation in 1985, which allowed the introduction of schemes that aimed to protect habitats and agricultural landscapes, up to the ecological areas of interest in 2013, passing through agri-environment measures, during the first major MacSharry reform in 1992, it will be necessary, initially, to analyze how the environment, along with its reforms, came to interfere with CAP. In a second step, we will partially analyze environmental measures in the Commission proposals for the 2013 reform.